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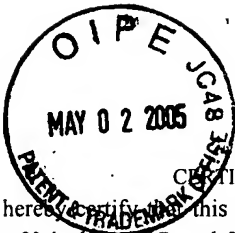
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In re application of:

Michael I. Watkins and Richard B. Edwards

Application No.: 10/734,957

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For: MULTIPLEX FLOW ASSAYS WITH  
MAGNETIC PARTICLES AS SOLID PHASE  
(As Amended)

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.